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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on July 24, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☒ Other Response to Telephone Interview dated January 20, 2004
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other return postcard

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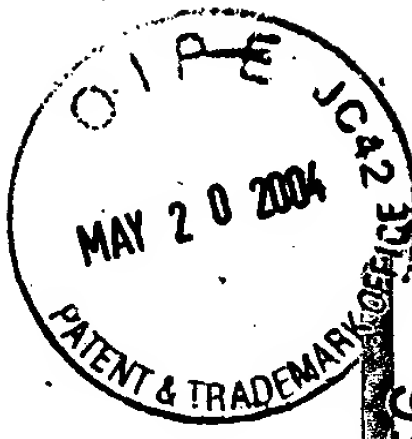
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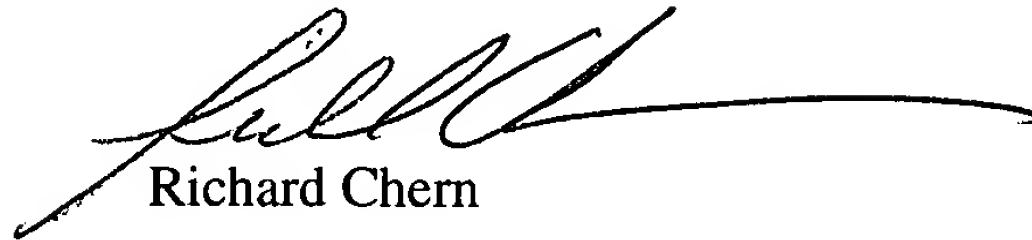
We filed a Request For Continued Examination ("RCE") on May 19, 2004, including a check in the amount of \$770.00 for the filing fee. Unfortunately, the RCE that was submitted did not include the following: 1) the attorney's signature; 2) a Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time; and 3) the accompanying extension fee. Enclosed please find: 1) a substitute copy of the RCE submitted on May 19, 2004, which includes the signature of the attorney of record and today's date; 2) a Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time; and 3) a check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the extension fee.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Chern', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Chern

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